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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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CCM supports Raised Senate Bill 357 "An Act Concerning The Expansion Of The Beverage Container Redemption Provisions To Include Water Bottles"

This bill would, among other things, **expand the items covered under the "bottle bill"** to include a variety of additional beverages.

The Connecticut Audubon Society has cited that "the current deposit system was and still is the best way to control litter on streets, beaches and in our parks." About 66-70% of containers are returned for redemption. Those containers that are discarded or littered are usually picked up and returned by others for the redemption value.

Absent the expansion of the bottle bill, there are only two options for disposal of these materials: (1) current method, whereby these items are disposed in the trash and account for a large volume of solid waste expenses – or – (2) force the responsibility of recycling these products back onto the for-profit entities that produce and sell them.

CCM urges the committee to **favorably report this bill.**

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